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Honorable Ira Ruskin
State Capitol, Room 4139
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2515 (Ruskin) Support

Dear Assembly Member Ruskin:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) supports your AB 2515, which would require the California Public Utilities Commission to evaluate the benefits of and means to implement water conservation and efficiency programs and examination of rate design that facilitates such programs.

As you know, water is a scarce commodity in most of California, and significant population growth will further strain the ability of water companies to meet the needs of California's consumers. In addition, water delivery requires the use of substantial amounts of energy that results in greater costs for electric companies and increases in pollution.

Your bill would reduce the strain on California's water and electric infrastructure by emphasizing water conservation and efficiency. As a result, associated customer costs would be lowered while improving the environment.

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports AB 2515 efforts and looks forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call Matthew Marcus our Legislative Director at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2544.

Sincerely,

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